

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2007.

Claims 6-32 are currently pending in this application, with claims 6 and 22 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

This Amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance. Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal.

Claim objections

While not conceding the propriety of this objection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claim 3 has been canceled.

Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

An Appellant's Brief is filed along with this Amendment. Arguments set forth within the Appellant's Brief are incorporated herein by reference. The claims are allowable at least for the reasons provided within the Appellant's Brief.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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